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SUBJECT: Reinvestigation/Repolygraph Program

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Since becoming Director I have ~~been relentless in~~ ^{ad} stressing the importance of having a sound security program both within the Agency, and in the industrial arena. ^{of some employees} Following a review of the [REDACTED] I directed that increased emphasis be given to the Reinvestigation Program which had not previously been receiving adequate resources or high priority attention. The [REDACTED] case made clear to me that there was a need for a continuing program to identify potential security vulnerabilities or problems of a personnel security nature which could develop into an actual threat. I have very carefully reviewed the polygraph coverage, which is an integral part of the reinvestigation process, and I am satisfied that this is correctly a vigorous security effort properly focusing on the ^{security and} counter-intelligence issue. Repeating again what I have so often stated in the past, the unauthorized disclosure of ^{of sensitive} information has become one of my major concerns. Since April 1977 we have been emphasizing the importance of ~~the Reinvestigation Program~~ ^{the Reinvestigations} Reinvestigation Program, with a view towards processing larger numbers of our employees, without in any way sacrificing the quality of the program.

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recent weeks make clear the utmost importance of a strong personnel security system. ~~(Please be assured that the Reinvestigation Program will continue to receive my personal attention.)~~ In my efforts to improve our overall security posture, this specific program definitely merits the support of Agency managers at all levels. ^{for it has uncovered security lapses.} I want all Agency employees, particularly first-line supervisors, to know that this program has my strong personal endorsement, and I encourage all of you to lend your cooperation and assistance to this important security endeavor. I urge all of you to adopt a ~~positive attitude and participate willingly in all aspects of the program for the overall good of the Agency.~~ I would like to stress that the Reinvestigation ^{/Repolygraph} Program, ~~including polygraph,~~ is simply an orderly and periodic review and updating of the clearances of all Agency employees, and it should not be viewed as coercive or threatening in any way.

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